The Shakerite

an expression of student opinion

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An Added Importance

We would like to congratulate President-elect Jack Freund for making one of the planks in his platform a reality in such a short time. A few weeks ago the Student Council approved his motion to elect class officers in the spring instead of the fall so as to allow the newly elected officers more time to plan events and to schedule them on the master calendar. Monday, May 14, will be the day of elections, and perhaps this year these elections will assume a new importance.

In the past the holding of a class office has been more of an honor than a job. Sophomore officers work on the Sock Hop, junior officers on the Junior Prom, and senior officers on the Senior Prom and Commencement. These jobs are by no means trivial, but it seems that a class officer should have an all-year-round job to which he could devote in full the talents which his classmates have recognized in him. In other schools, the classes are the most important units. We don't advocate raising the classes to a position superior to the student body as a whole; we do suggest that the class unit can be strengthened, perhaps producing more class spirit, and thereby increasing school spirit.

For instance, in some schools mass class meetings are held during which any member may voice his suggestions or objections. Out of these mass meetings can come suggestions that perhaps may never reach the Student or Social Councils. At Cleveland Heights High School each class presents a show in competition with shows written and produced by other classes. These shows involve work by the whole class and might include people who often do not feel the desire to participate. The Family Faculty Fun Festival or a school open house might be a good time to present these shows. Possibly the classes could work together in helping to sponsor charity drives. The Student and Social Councils have many important functions to carry on, some of which might be facilitated by the support of the class unit.

The above are just suggestions; we are by no means saying that they should be done or that it would be possible to do them. We merely want you to consider seriously making the job of class officer a busy and important one.

Girls Recognized at Athletic Awards Tea

Although sports trophies are usually considered part of a man's world, many girls will be the recipients of athletic awards at a tea sponsored by the Girls' Leaders Club.

On May 16 at 4:00 p.m., the sophomore, junior, and senior girls and their mothers, who were invited by the Girls' Leaders Club, will meet in the Social Room for the tea. Debbie Davies, Social Chairman of the club will be in charge of the tea, while Judy Brandwan, president, and Barbara Biederman, vice-president, will present the awards.

In order to receive an award a girl must earn points by participating in intramural sports. An additional ten points are given to each girl who is chosen for a varsity or all-star team. An "S" is given to girls who have 500 points, a medal is given to those who have 1,000 points, and a cup is awarded to the girls who have obtained a total of 1,500 points.

Sharcs to Present 'Aqualympics' For Nineteenth Annual Pageant

Tonight and tomorrow night the Sharcs' Club will present its nineteenth annual pageant to two sell-out crowds. For two hours Shakerites will find themselves transported from the confines of the pool balcony to the "Aqualympics", a production of precision and skill. Shakerites will especially appreciate the color and costuming of this year's pageant.

Skater's Waltz accompanies Sharcs and their partners.

To a backdrop of the flags of various countries, activities such as shooting, riding, gymnastics, crewing, skating, and fencing will be set to music and to synchronized swimming. Largely responsible for the organizing and planning of the numbers are the committee chairmen. This year's chairmen are Beryl Douglas, Debbie Davies, Liz Gould, Marilyn Evans, Marilyn Telepak, Joan Liebenthal, Nancy Jensen, Sally Stillinger, Lynn Wynant, and Karen Macey.

Since 1954, boys have joined with the Sharcs in presenting the pageant. This year twelve boys, some of them from Coach Paul Stark's Lake Erie League champs, will swim with the girls in the skating number and by themselves in a comedy number and in the number called "Mercury." The traditional senior number will have a gathering of villagers for its subject. The president of Sharcs, Hetty Cowan, is sure to thrill the audience with her "Peak of Perfection," in which she swims with Jim Adler and Brian Switzer. Moderating the 1956 "Aqualympics" is Chuck Sanford. Miss Alice Richards, sponsor of Sharcs, has directed this year's pageant.

Smooth Sailing Seen At Starlight Stomp

"All aboard who's going aboard," will be the cry of the new Student Council officers-elect at the "Starlight Stomp" which they will sponsor. Every girl and boy will be invited to board the "S.S. Good Times" on Saturday at 8:30. As soon as the gangplank is lifted, the cruiser will pull off for an ocean of fun.

If the weatherman is good to Shakerites, the last all-school dance of the year will be held in the students' parking lot. The art committee has guaranteed that our lot will look more like the Pacific Ocean. However, should a hurricane develop, the girl's gym will be available.

For those Shakerites who are not the outdoors type, the Social Room will be open. The refreshments will be served here at the snack bar. In addition to the punch, salt-water taffy and life savers will be served in accordance with the atmosphere. However, the music will be sailing outdoors, with the Blue Notes at the helm.

The admirals for this nautical pleasure cruiser will be Jack Freund, Dick Horowitz, Joan Seidenfeld, Jim Petznick, Joe Keyerleber, Carole Goldman, Dottie Dedo, and Bruce Berger, who are next year's Student Council officers. This dressy dance will be their first project for the school.

After 3½ hours of smooth sailing the ship will return to Shaker's harbor at 12:00. So don your sailor's caps, Shakerites, and board the "S.S. Good Times" at this year's Starlight Stomp.

A Cappella Choir and Girls' Glee Club Will Present Haydn's 'The Creation'

It seems the spring season has finally come! To celebrate its arrival, the Shaker High A Cappella Choir and the Girls' Glee Club will combine their efforts in presenting *The Creation*, an oratorio for chorus and soloists by Joseph Haydn.

In his work, *The Creation*, Haydn introduced a sense of realism into his music that was previously unknown, thus establishing the first step toward modern music. Under the direction of Reynold Ellis, the choirs, totaling 150 voices, have been working hard to develop as much skill in the interpretation of Haydn music as possible. During rehearsals, they first master the technical aspects of the music; later, they work to inject the feeling into the music that the composer has intended. It is unusual for a high school choir to present *The Creation* because of the high degree of perfection that is required for performance. Therefore, the presentation of this work is expected to draw a number of musicians and critics.

Robert Stofer, from the Church of the Covenant and the director of the Singers Club, will be the organist. For this production a special concert organ will be installed in the auditorium. The soloists are Cinderella Paradiso, soprano; William Martin, tenor; and Phillip MacGregor, baritone. Elizabeth Wright will accompany the choirs on the piano. *The Creation* will be presented Sunday afternoon, May 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is 75 cents, and tickets can be purchased from choir members. This will be an excellent opportunity for those who appreciate fine music.

Y-Teen Fashion Show Entrances Onlookers

"How does my hair look? Gosh, this dress is cute, I wonder if Mom would let me get it?" These were among the expressions heard during this year's Y-Teen Fashion Show.

"Through the Gristmill" was the theme of the show sponsored by the Junior Chapter of Y-Teen, with fashions shown by the Higbee Company. The girls' mothers were invited to see the show and refreshments were served.

A fifteen cent admission was charged. All profits contributed to the World Fellowship Fund. The style show is sponsored annually as the Junior Y-Teen service project.

Among those active juniors who helped organize the program were Myrna London in charge of publicity, Madge Douda who made sure that all the mothers received invitations, and Joan Trotter who was in charge of the programs. Nancy Croley and her committee decorated the gym and social room most appropriately. The hostesses included Anne Herzog and her committee. Models under the leadership of Gwynn Williams included Nancy Connell, Judy Rosenberg, Jackie Seskin, Diane Hartman, Janet Huszar, Sue Kapstein, Joan Karlovec, Sue Kuhn, Louise Rose, and Norita Wyse.

With Judy Social Fancy and Nancy

I walked down the hall, eyeing both short and tall
And my heart was filled with misery.
It seemed only too clear, Senior Prom time was near.
Everybody had a date but me.

Yet, still I was calm, though my thoughts were of the Prom
And my fears were plain as they could be.
I had gotten my dress, but I had to confess
Everybody had a date but me.
I guess I'll sit home that night and rot!
What do other girls have I don't got? ? ?

Oh, well, that's the way it goes. We're glad to see, however, that some brave boys have already gotten dates. **Lois Rabb** will be going with **Paul Roskopf, Lynn Leslie** with **Allen Goldhammer, Dick Danford** will be taking **Joyce Schaffer, Dennis Goodman** with **Marilyn Evans, Ann Samet** and **Spence Kramer, Kathy Meyer** and **Gordon Baldwin, Liz Gould** and **Bobby Stevens.**

Award of the Month

A gold plated umbrella should go to those Shakerites who showed

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Raiders Take Fourth Hilltop; Also Trample West High 88-30

For the fourth consecutive year, the Shaker track squad had too much strength for their neighborhood rivals, Heights and U.S., in the 29th annual Hilltop meet at U.S.

In winning 12 of 14 blue ribbons, the Raiders ran up a record 80 points, to 34 apiece for the Tigers and Preppers. Pete Harwood, Dennis Tamscin, and Bill Carlson each won two events, with Harwood and Carlson setting meet records in the process.

Harwood won the 440 in the record time of 51.3 and won the 220 in 23 seconds. Tamscin won both hurdle races by wide margins, and Dave Jones of Shaker finished second to him in each. Carlson set the meet and school record with a 50 feet, 4¾ inches shotput heave as well as winning the discus with a 134 foot toss.

Other winners for Shaker were Dennis Goodman in the 100 with a 10.8 clocking, and Bob Mears in his specialty, the mile run, who just missed the meet record with a 4.39.7 effort. In the half mile, Bill Benson beat Mears to the tape, with Jack Brown finishing third. The time was 2.05.0. Lynn Hammond soared 10 feet 6 inches to win the pole vault, and both of Shaker's relay teams won easily.

Against West High, the Raiders again showed their strength by winning 88 to 30 at Shaker. Dennis Tamscin and Bill Carlson were double winners for Shaker; Tamscin won both hurdles, and Carlson took the discus and shot. Because of a strong head-wind, the times were only average in most cases, as Shaker won all events except the 440-yard dash and 880 relay.

Pete Harwood won the 100-yard dash, and anchored the winning mile relay team; it was a relatively easy afternoon for him. Bob Mears remained undefeated in the mile, and also ran in the mile relay. Bill Benson won the 880 run and ran in the 880 relay. Dennis Goodman won the 220, ran in the mile relay, and finished second in the 100.

Dick Weiss won the broad jump and took second place in the high jump, which Ralph Waldo won.

Ken Koblitz

Social Fancy (Continued)

up at the track meets, no matter if it was snowing, hailing or just plain raining. That's what we call school spirit!

Convention Mention

Shaker is still recovering from the OASC convention. The junior boys (dazed by a certain treasurer) maintain it was a wonderful idea. We agree. The dance on Friday night was tops. Everyone from delegates to crashers had a good time. Too bad we can't have more mixers and cut-ins at our dances. As for the delegates, they were just fabulous. Ask any host or hostess if they weren't, especially **Joan Linas** or **Lynn Wynant.**

Chivalry is not Dead!

No matter what anyone says, chivalry is not dead at Shaker. **Paula Danaceau** was gallantly rescued from maidenly despair over a flat tire by **John Spicer.** So girls, don't lose hope!

Want Ads:

1) A girl—any grade—will do for tall, dark **Chuck Schlam.** Let's go, seniors, here's your chance!

2) Protection—for OASC president **Mike Partington** from all those girls who have crushes on him.

3) **Gay Cornwell's** list by the senior girls.

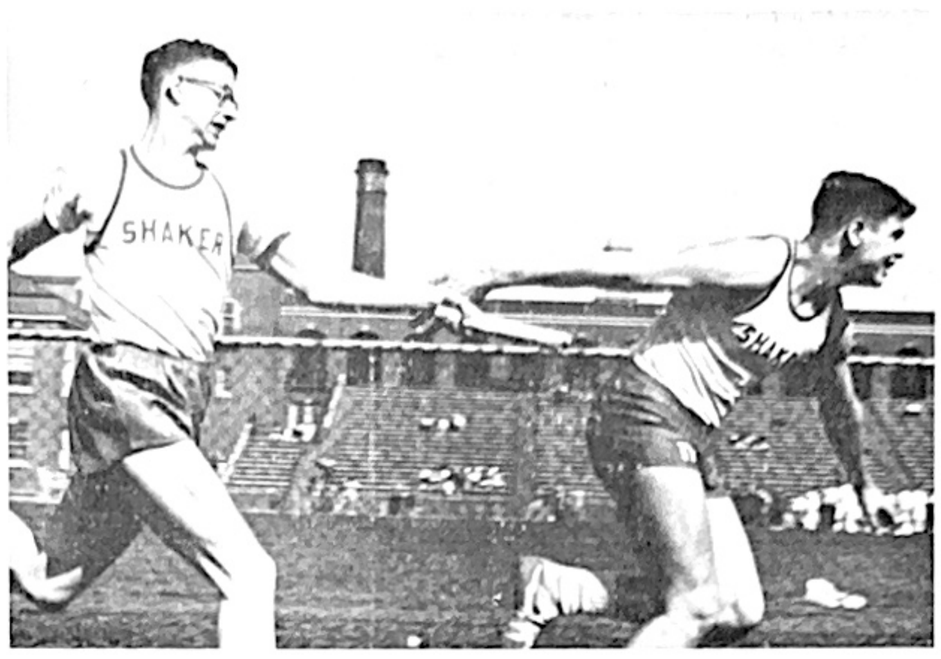
4) Two people willing to write this column next year. They must be clever, witty, tireless, **prompt** and unafraid of **Mr. Randall.** Please contact either of us.

Predictions of things to come:

1) **Mr. Dixon** will go to the Senior Prom stag.

2) **Pete Eichorn** and **Ken Dettlebach** will definitely go to Penn after their fabulous week-end there.

See you all at the Sharcs Pageant tonight, Shakerites!



880-Yard Relay
A handoff is the golden touch

Tigers Blast Red and White; George Brown Becomes Pitcher

For the first time in four years, the Red Raider baseball squad was defeated by Heights High. Shaker bowed to the Tigers 11-1 in a home game on Thursday, May 3.

In the first inning Brown led off with a single and moved to second on a fielder's choice Charley Kahn came through with a long single to score Brown with Shaker's first and only run of the afternoon. Both German and Bloch got on to load the bases, but the rally was stopped when Bloch was hit by a batted ball for the final out of the inning.

Starting pitcher Lou Body held Heights until the third inning when he gave up two runs. In the sixth, the roof fell in on the Raiders. Up to this time the game had been close. Body got into trouble by loading the bases and then walked in the third Tiger run. Robbie Cox then relieved, but a sacrifice fly and two base hits gave the Tigers four additional runs to make the score 7-1.

Lefthander Tom Lenhart was brought in to work the seventh inning. Heights pushed across two more runs. While attempting to field a bunt, Lenhart twisted his ankle and had to leave the game. Having used all of his pitchers, Coach Heinlen was forced to bring George Brown in from center field to pitch. In this unfamiliar role Brown handled himself very well, allowing only one hit. Heights scored their final two runs on a sacrifice fly and an error.

Golfers Win Twice; Shaw, Euclid Next!

Shaker's 1956 golf squad started off in fine form by shutting out the linksmen from Heights High School and edging a strong Orange High School squad by ½ point.

Five boys have thus far been under fire. The one and two men, Dale Huge and Bruce Kloppman, have been joined by Loren Roth twice, and Jeff Krueger and Dave Jacobson each once, in the first two matches.

Coach Al Raymond still is not set on his third and fourth men to be used in the big tournaments coming up. To solve this problem, he is not going to use his two aces, Huge and Kloppman, in the matches against Shaw and Euclid, two comparatively weak teams. Instead, he is going to play two other boys in order to determine who should compete with Huge and Kloppman in the L.E.L., district, and state tournament.

With competition for a berth on the squad so keen, it seems certain Shaker will be well represented in the forthcoming tourneys.

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